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PRAGA, RUSSIAN STRONGHOLD TAKEN TODAY BY THE GERMANS

PRAGA IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT RUSSIAN STRONGHOLDS, BEING SITUATED ON THE EAST BANK OF THE VISTULA RIVER NEAR WARSAW.

British Agents Resume Purchases of Horses in This Country for English Army—Hundred Fifty Thousand Head Have Been Bought in St. Louis Since Beginning of the War, at an Average Price of Hundred Seventy Dollars per Head—Turkish Battleship Kher-Ed-Bind-Barbarossa, Formerly German Warship Kurfuerst Friedrich Wilhelm, Sunk Today by Allied Submarine, According to Turkish Official Announcement—Russia Refuses Offer of Separation—Said to Have Been Made by Germany Following Fall of Warsaw—Russians Continue Efforts to Bottle up the Retreating Russian Army.

London, Aug. 9.—Praga, one of the most important Russian strongholds on the east bank of the Vistula river, near Warsaw, was today occupied by German troops.

Big Battleship Torpedoed
Constantinople, Aug. 9.—The Turkish battleship Kher-Ed-Bind-Barbarossa, of 9,900 tons, formerly the German warship Kurfuerst Friedrich Wilhelm, was today sunk by a submarine of the allied fleet, according to an announcement of the Turkish government.

Peace Offer Declined.
London, Aug. 9.—Reuter's correspondent at Petrograd transmits the following:

"The Bourse Gazette learns from an unimpeachable source that the German emperor has made an offer of peace to Russia last week through the king of Denmark. The answer sent to the king stated that the question of peace negotiations could not be raised at the present time."

Resume Purchase of Horses.
East St. Louis, Mo., Aug. 9.—British agents today resumed the purchase of war horses at the local stock yards, after suspending because they had no transport facilities. One hundred and fifty thousand head have been purchased here since the war began, at an average cost of \$170.

Would Destroy Russian Army.
London, Aug. 9.—The Germans continue to make progress in all directions in their efforts to cut off the retreat of the Russian army from the Polish salient. They have commenced an attack on the fortresses of Kovno and Ossoketz which are among the obstacles they must overcome in order to reach the railway running from Warsaw through Vilna and Drinsk to Petrograd. They have taken the minor fortress of Serock at the junction of the Narew and the Bug and have crossed the Vistula in the vicinity of Warsaw. Further south General Woyrsch is advancing eastward, but Field Marshal von Mackensen is being stubbornly resisted and apparently making at best slow progress.

On the whole, the daring scheme mapped out by the Germans as a grand sequel to the capture of Warsaw—the destruction of the Russian army—is unfolding itself slowly, as must be the case from its very magnitude. With the three main railways, besides those built since the war, it is believed in military circles here that the Grand Duke Nicholas will be able to extricate his Warsaw army. The events in the east, however, will continue to rivet the attention of the world on them for some time to come.

The Germans have gained minor successes in the Argonne forest, where the army of the crown prince has been trying for some weeks to find a weak spot in the French defenses, but their efforts to recover lost trenches on the Lingkopf in the Vosges is declared to have cost them dearly.

There has been some rather heavy

WEATHER FORECAST
New Orleans, La., Aug. 9.—The weather forecast for Oklahoma for tonight and Tuesday is unsettled, with showers and thunderstorms.

PRIEST REFUSES FORTUNE

Aged Catholic Priest Refuses Fortune of More Than Twelve Millions.
Pittsburg, Pa., Aug. 9.—Rev. Wm. Graham, Roman Catholic pastor, today declined to accept a fortune of more than twelve million dollars, left him by relatives.

The priest says that his age, and frequent attacks of rheumatism, preclude his judicious handling of this vast sum.

ALASKAN VOLCANO ACTIVE

Pavelof Volcano in Full Eruption Says Ship Captain.

Seward, Alaska, Aug. 9.—Pavelof volcano, on the Alaskan peninsula, was reported in full eruption on the night of July 23. Katmai volcano is also smoking. This was reported here today by a ship captain, arriving from the Bering sea.

TO COLLECT EXHIBIT FOR DENVER, COLO.

SECRETARY WEST OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BEGINS TO COLLECT FOR THE DRY FARMING CONGRESS AT DENVER.

Secretary West of the chamber of commerce, who was appointed by Pres. Gault of the state board of agriculture one of three to collect a state exhibit for the international dry farming congress that convenes in Denver in September, has written to the agricultural agents throughout the southern section of counties asking them when collecting their exhibits for the county fairs to include enough for the state exhibits at Denver. These letters were mailed Saturday. The county exhibits at the state fair cannot be used this season as the congress convenes at Denver two days after the state fair of Oklahoma opens.

Mr. West stated that he was going to make an extra effort to have a fine exhibit from Carter county and with the assistance of agricultural agent Scott is making the collection.

There is a wagon load of fine melons in the Tyler & Simpson cold storage plant that will be devoured tomorrow night by the members of the chamber of commerce, and the credit men's association who will meet for the purpose of selecting officers for the chamber of commerce for the ensuing year. The nominations have been posted according to the rules of the chamber of commerce, and all that will have to be done, is to ballot on them, which will require but a few moments, after which the melon question is the only other thing to be discussed. The melons have been carefully selected by secretary West, and he says that they are the best that have come to the local market this year.

It is expected that every member of both organizations will be present as there will be ample for all. The meeting for election will be called promptly at 8:30, sharp.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS OF C. OF C. CLUB

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WILL NAME DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS, AND HAVE BIG MELON FEAST AFTER WORK IS DONE.

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Has Moved to Ardmore.
Mr. and Mrs. F. Hancock and their daughter have moved here from Rogers, Ark., and will make this city their home. Mr. Hancock learned that Ardmore was an oil town, he learned of its rapid growth, and he came here to help the city grow and to enjoy the inspiration that comes from living in a city that grows bigger and better with every setting of the sun.

MINISTER OF BRAZIL LEAVES

BRAZIL HAS WITHDRAWN HER MINISTER TO MEXICO, LEAVING U. S. WITHOUT AGENT.

LETTER TO CARRANZA

General Carranza Said to Be Preparing Statement to American People Reviewing All Correspondence Between Two Governments

Washington, Aug. 9.—Carranza agents here today announced that the Brazilian minister to Mexico, the only diplomatic representative that America has in that country, has been withdrawn by Brazil, because Carranza had prepared to expel him as he did Senor Ortega, the Guatemalan minister. Carranza dislikes both these men.

The effect of this on the Pan-American conference on Mexican affairs it is believed will be bad. The conference is to reopen Wednesday in New York.

Preparing a Statement.
Galveston, Tex., Aug. 9.—Carranza is preparing a statement to the American people reviewing all correspondence between his government and the Washington state department, according to a local Carranza agent.

Peace Advocate is Back.
Laredo, Tex., Aug. 9.—Dr. Henry Tupper, noted advocate of peace, today arrived from Mexico, where he had sojourned for several weeks. He departed immediately for San Antonio, after refusing to comment on the Mexican situation.

THREE ESCAPE FROM FEDERAL PENITENTIARY

J. B. JONES, SENT UP FROM FORT WORTH, AND TWO OTHER CONVICTS, ESCAPED FROM LEAVENWORTH PRISON.

They broke the lock on a door leading to the tunnel under the prison, cut through two brick walls, climbed to the top of the building being constructed and then let themselves down with a rope.

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GOOD RAINS ABOUT GLENN AND WOODFORD

JAMES HAVENS STATES THAT RAINFALL WILL MATERIALLY BENEFIT COTTON AND CORN CROP IN THAT SECTION.

James Havens who has been traveling over the county with some cotton men for the past few days, reported that a fine rain fell about Glenn and along to Berwyn last night, that was of great benefit to the growing cotton and corn.

A rain also fell in that vicinity this afternoon. Mr. Havens says that the cotton acreage has been reduced at least 30 per cent with a corresponding increase in acreage of corn and feed stuffs. He reports that conditions in the county were never in better shape than at present, and predicts prosperity this fall.

SUIT AGAINST BREWERIES

Trial Begun of Texas Suit Against Seven Texas Breweries.
Austin, Tex., Aug. 9.—The state's anti-trust suit against seven Texas breweries today went to trial in the local district court and the preliminaries to a big legal battle were disposed of.

TROOPS PROTECT BLACK.

Sixty State Troops Guard Sam Jernigan at Houston.
Houston, Tex., Aug. 9.—Sixty state troops today left here with Sam Jernigan, negro, who goes to trial at Groveston on a charge of criminal assault upon a white woman. The Trinity county sheriff asked for the protection of his prisoner.

SUPT. AT THE HOME HAS HARD JOB ON HANDS

IT REQUIRES TACT TO HANDLE SO MANY OLD PEOPLE, MANY OF THEM IN THEIR DOTAGE. PATIENCE AND TOLERANCE.

Some may envy the job of superintendent of the confederate home, Jams, but there are a whole lot of people who do not and are contented to let him handle what at the very best is a difficult situation. It requires tact to handle approximately 100 old people, some of them in their dotage, and keep peace and harmony in the home. This is a task that would balk a great number of people, but the two superintendents that have been at the home since it was established, Judge Galt and the present incumbent, E. J. Jams, have proven themselves equal to the job and have managed to keep peace and harmony at the home.

State commissioner of charities and correction, Matthews, was in the city last week, made an inspection of the home and will submit his report this week.

COUNTY COURT CONVENED HERE THIS MORNING

JURY EMpaneled AND THE CIVIL DOCKET TAKEN UP—MANY ASK TO BE RELIEVED OF JURY SERVICE. FEW ARE EXCUSED.

The county court of Carter county convened this morning and the jury empaneled. Many of the jurors who have been summoned to serve asked to be excused from jury service, giving various reasons for their request.

Judge Champion denied the most of them, but where it was shown to his satisfaction that compelling the juror to serve would mean financial loss to him, he was excused.

Judge Champion stated that people who were summoned as jurors were as a rule unwilling to serve, yet they demand that justice be administered in all cases, still were unwilling to do their part. This morning he delivered a sharp message from the bench upon this phase of court work and stated that a person would have to come up with an awful good reason to get out of jury service in the future in his court.

The civil docket was the first taken up this morning.

Pioneer Citizen Dies.
Mrs. Mary Wood, aged 70 years, a pioneer citizen of this section, died at Marlow Friday. Mrs. Wood was an aunt of Mrs. J. S. Mullen of this city. Deceased was born at Rocky Depot, was a citizen of the Choctaw nation, and a woman whose whole life was devoted to the elevation of her people. She is survived by one son and one daughter.

FIVE MEXICANS KILLED SUNDAY

IN FIGHT SUNDAY WITH AMERICANS, FIVE OF WHOM WERE CAVALRYMEN.

FOUGHT FOR AN HOUR

Five Americans, Including Three of the Soldiers, Were Wounded By the Bandits—Americans Saved by Texas Rangers.

Brownsville, Tex., Aug. 9.—Five Mexican bandits and one woman were killed in a fight yesterday at Norrias, 68 miles north of here.

For one hour, fifteen Americans, eight of whom were United States cavalrymen, stood off an attack by sixty Mexicans. Five Americans were wounded, three of whom were soldiers.

The Americans were saved from death just as their ammunition gave out, by the arrival of more than a score of Texas Rangers.

Ask State for Rifles.

Austin, Tex., Aug. 9.—The sheriff of Kleberg county today asked the state to lend fifty rifles to arm citizens of his county against Mexican bandits. Kingsville fears an attack similar to that on the Norrias ranch.

QUICKSAND NEARLY FATAL

Ten-Year-Old Boy Has Narrow Escape Near Paris

Paris, Texas, Aug. 8.—The 10-year-old son of Henderson Chambliss of Lake Creek, Delta County, came near losing his life yesterday in quicksand on the river near Garrett's Bluff, where he was visiting his parents. A party had crossed to the Oklahoma side for a day's outing, and while he was away from the crowd playing on a sandbar near the edge of the water he got in to quicksand and sank up to his armpits. Members of the party were deterred in the work of rescuing him by the risk of getting caught in the quicksand themselves.

After a smaller brother, who had tried to go to his assistance, was caught in the sand and rescued, Mrs. J. E. Powell succeeded in tearing a plank from a bridge and tossing it to him. He caught hold of it, and was pulled out with much effort.

SUGGESTS AN ALLIANCE OF ALL AMERICAS

CLAIMS SUCH ALLIANCE WOULD EXPAND THE MONROE DOCTRINE FAR BEYOND ITS ORIGINAL MEANING.

Washington, Aug. 8.—At the conference on national defense to be held in Washington, Oct. 4 to 7, will be discussed the idea of an alliance for all the Americas, to supersede the Monroe Doctrine, or at least to strengthen it. The suggestion comes from Winfield Jones, secretary and one of the organizers of the National Defense League. Jones is Washington correspondent for the San Antonio Express.

"A Pan American alliance, offensive and defensive, would expand the Monroe Doctrine far beyond its original meaning," said Jones.

Such an arrangement would mean that the western hemisphere would maintain its integrity by all the countries involved here being in a single pact. Not only would this alliance with the United States forever insure the independence and territory of all Pan-American countries from foreign aggression, but it would also insure permanent peace among these countries themselves. Every Pan-American republic, no matter how weak, would have behind its national existence the combined power of the United States and all its neighbors."